

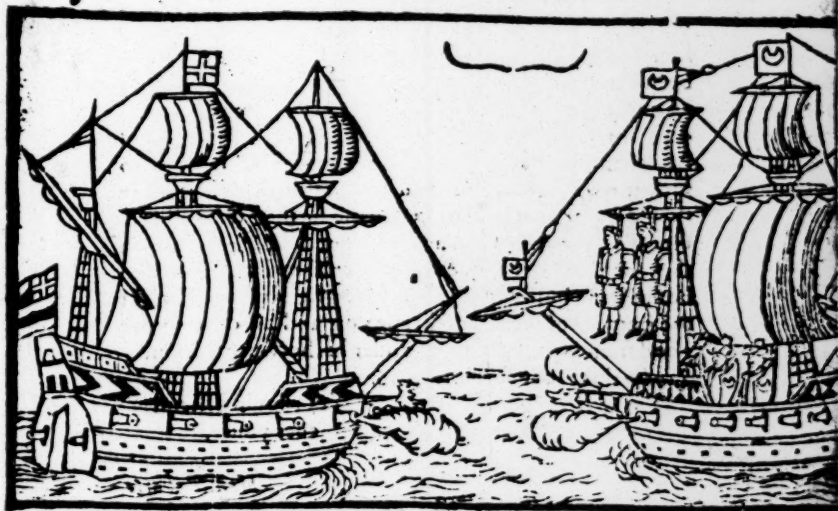
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A *MW Ireland* True Relation of a most

worthy and notable Fight, per-

formed the nineteenth day of Iune now last past, by
two small Shippes of the Citie of London: the *Vineyard*
of a hundred and twentie Tunnes; and the *Vnicorne*
of a hundred and fourtie Tunnes, against Sixe great
Gallies of *Tunes*, having in them a thousand and
eight hundred men, of the Ile of *Way-yorcke*
in the *Straights*: Our Shippes having
in all, Mariners, Merchants, and
Passengers, fifty sixe men.

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To my esteemed good

Friend M^r. GYLBERT RO-
BARTES, all well wishes of
true loue and contiuall
happineffe.

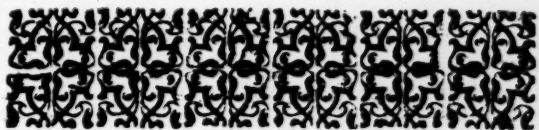


Our remote living from this famous
Cittie, old acquaintance, and many lo-
ving friends, cannot choose but increase
a longing desire to heare such Newes as
may beguile some time with contem-
plating on them; but the vncertaintie
of report for home-bred occasions are such, as makes
me silent; yet to give you some cause of admiration, and
a good liking of men worthy, and most skilfull in their
profesion, I haue made bold to commend vnto you,
the hardy and most dangerous Aduenture of two worthy
Shippes of *London*, and their Companies in their last Voy-
age for the *Straights*, made this passed Sommer, against Six
great Gallies of the *Turkes*: wherein they shewed true vo-
lour, and gallant resolution, gayning fame to them-selues,
been a terrour to the enemie, and given a most worthy
example for all of their coates: A pattern worth recor-
ding for others to follow, a comfort to Owners, and
Marchantes, that commit their Shippes and goods to
such mens gouernment, and a ioy to all those that heare
their deserued comendations; to the further view wherof
I leaue you, & pray God neuer to give worse successe then
they haue had, nor worst minds, then they haue shewed to
bein them, but euer encrease, for our Countries honour
the number of such, and keepe you and all others your
good friends, for euer more vnder his holy protection.

London this 2. of Februarie 1616.

Your louing friend
euer yours,

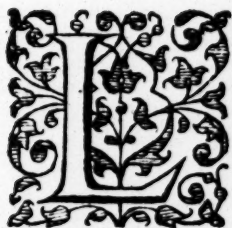
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True Relation of a most

worthy Fight made the 23. of Iune 1615 by
two Shippes of London, the *Vineyard*, and the
Vnicorne: neere the Ile of May-yorcke with-
in the Straights, hauing but 56. Men and
Boyes aboard, against sixe Gallies of
the *Turkes*, being of *Tunes*, in *Bar-*
berry, and had in them of Soul-
diers, Saylor, & Slaues,
1800. men.



Doing Country-men, that we
should giue honour to them
that doth truly deserue it, is no
more then Christian charitie
doth enste vs vnto; and the
holy Scriptures in many ex-
amples doth proue vnto vs:
as Dauid that kingly Prophet
and man of God, was mette
and entertained of the people with dauncing and sing-
ing his worthy Victories, obtayned against the ene-
mies of GOD, and his King. Iephth that worthy
Captaine, and sundry others which I omit, were ho-

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noured for their Victories with triumphes by the people, as holy *Scripture* testifie.

The Romans is honoured their Nation, and held honour in such heigh esteem, that were his bypocrisie never so meane, or reputation so base; yet if hee deserved any honour in their Warres, they duly gave it him, with all the honours they could devise.

The Grecians, and sundry other nations had the like, so that thereby they gave such encouragement to all such as followed them in their long Warres, that every man enjoyed both Courage and Strength in hope of fame.

Whole volumes are filled with the Honors of these nations, as wee which now live, by true records can testifie, the sundry famous victories by them achieved, and their excellent admired prizes. These were the times of true love and honour. This made the Coward hardy, and the faint-hearted Swaine, to advance themselves, in hope to gaine, unto their posterities everlasting fame. Oh that our Nation wou'd imitate these true types of honour, to noyish such as adventure their lives and estates, for welfare of their Country: then there is no doubt, but in time of troubles, when valour should be home, we should finde many worthy persons, under simple habites, that would purchase to their country honor, & fame to themselves. But our Countries charity is too too cold, to give Virtue her due in such people, the more it is to be pityed, that such men as merit either by valour, or other industrious meanes, should not be rewarded and well rewarded. But such is the hardness of heart in most, now a dayes, that Let a man adventure their lives and libertie, in never so hardie an actions for safeguard both of Shippe and good, when they looke for chear-
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their Sea-fight.

full countenance at their returne, and some reward for their paines, they hardly get either good word, or good deed, (nay scarcely) their wages which God knoweth was neuer so hardly gotten, but with some Trailes, and discontent: these doings, is often the cause of much losse to owners and Merchants, where if they rewarded the true Labouring hyperling with some small reward, (yea) but sometimes with a good word, it would giue encouragement to men, rather to lose their lives, then part with that is committed to their charge, in any sleight manner. And you that read and know what you read, how many Ships and men of our Nation, hath been taken by these Pyrats, those homicides that lurke about the South Cape, Barbary, & the Straights, to surprisfe such as trade in honest Merchants affaires, the Owners and Merchants to their cost, can best tell: of which no doubt, some haue been cowardly surprisfed, and others ouer-matched; whereby the Companies falling into their hands, are imprisoned, and often times made slaves to those Heathen nations that triumph ouer them, to the bitter ruine of them & their for ever.

These are things to be pittied, & truly of all Christians to be lamented: and I could wish that such men that aduenture to the seas, may with true compassion consider of such as doe deserue well; so shall they be sure to haue their service truly performed, and their Goods in better securitie then often times they haue. But leauing that to God, who guideth mens hearts, let mee recount vnto you a most worthy and valiant exployt performed not long since by two small Ships of the Citie of London, against the Gallies of Tunes in Barbary, neere vnto the Ile of May-yorcke within the Straights; to the great commendations of the Masters and Company of them, as you shall further vnderstand.

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In the beginning of this last Sommer, a Voyage by sundry Merchants of London was pretended to certaine Ports within the Straights of Iboral-tarre; who for the Voyage had appointed two small Shippes, the one called the Vineyard, of the burthen of a hundred and twenty Tunnes, or there-aboutes, whose Master for the voyage, was Master Richard Harrice of Lee in Essex; a very honest and religious man, and as valiant and full of courage, as otherwise of good government: The other, the Vnicorne of London, of the burthen of a hundred and fourtie Tunars, or there-aboutes; whose Master for the Voyage, was Master Gardner of Wapping neere London; a man endowed with honestie, religion, and valour.

These two good Ships, being victualed for the voyage, and manned both Ships with fiftie fixe men and boyes, Merchantes, and Passengers, in all, hauering taken in their Lading, and all sitting for their life in the Voyage, after their sollemne farewell taken of the Owners and Adventurers, as the Merchantes accustomed to doe, set Saile from London, and arrived at Lee, where they made some small stay expecting a faire Winde to proceede, whose boyes it pleased God to further, and on the twentieth three day of May now last past, to send them their wished desires; which they neglected not, but taking opportunity, set Saile the same twentieth three of May: And was so favoured of him that ruleth by his Power both Winds, and Seas, that they were ever in the way of the Wind, untill they came to the South Cape, where they had sight of three tall Shippes, men of Warre, which were of Algeere, in Barbarie, full of Ordnance and men.

These

their Sea-fight.

These Ships gave vs chase, which did in some small manner dismay vs; yet putting our trust in God, whose pleasure is to lay our fears and care upon him, wee resolved, if they were Friends, to bid them welcome; if Enemies, to defend our selves.

These Shippes wyning vpon vs, one of them came vp and sayd vs, bidding vs a myne: To whom our Muster sayd; Doe you pour worst, wee feare you not. Then demanded they of whence we were? Our Painter Harrice, M. of the Vineyard answered, of London, and bound for Turkey; and asked of whence they were? Of Argeore, sayd they.

While they had this short parlie with vs, they tooke good notice of our Shippes, and saw the readinesse wee were in to defende our selves: and imagining by our Painters rough answer, that we cared little for them, they made no longer stay, but spying their losse, and boze roome againe into the Sea.

Their departure so sodainly, gaue vs some comfort, although wee feared them not: yet considering we came for Trafficke and not for Warres, wee rather desired Peace, (if it pleased God) then Prople; from which at that time, it pleased him to deliuer vs: Unto whom for his preservation, we acknowledged such hearty thanks and prayes, as became vs.

This Danger (by Gods permission) being overpast, as Minde serued for vs, we put into the Straights, keeping our course for Leagehorne, which was the first Port of our discharge.

When comming neere vnto May-yorcke, an Island in the Sea, we had sight of the great Gallies men of Warre, all of Tunes, and one other Port vnder the Turke. These companions came with vs, applying
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their best strength of Dares and Sables, to come to vs, wee seeing the speed they made, began to conjecture wee should haue moys to doe with them, then wee willingly would : whereupon our Master M. Harrice, caused the Vineyards Boate to bee hoysed out, the Vnicorne heeing saues from vs, and the Seas beeing calme and no Winde stirring, so wee towed our Shippe to the Vnicorne, and furbe our maine Sable, prouiding our selues as well as we could : which done, we went to prayer, humbly intreating his deuine ayde, that neuer leaueth his people, to helpe vs, and to bee our comfort in this distresse.

By this tyme, the Gallies were all in saype sight, so that wee might well descry their numbers of men. Then five of them left to row, and the sixt Gally came towards vs ; and hoysing our Shippes after the manner of the Sea, asked of whence we were : Our Master answered, of London, and bound for Turkey. Then cryed the Turkes, All friends, all friends. Then did they enquire what Men of Warre wee had met withall, or seene without the Straighes, or lately : Whom wee simply tolde of the thre Shippes wee spoke with : so away they went from vs, making speed to their true comfort, that Rayed for them.

The sodaine and friendly parting with this Gally, gaue vs hope wee should haue no further trouble with them, nor his fellows ; yet durst not trust them, but made ready to defend our selues, as sodainely as we could, getting as neere vnto the Vnicorne our comfort, as wee might, that beeing neere, wee might fight with more advantage to our selues, and doe our enemies the more harme, if it should so happen.

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their Sea-fight.

This time the Gallies heloe counsaile together what they should doe: At length, hauing concluded our small overthraue as it seemed, they all came vpon vs with all the violent force they could: and comming by first with the Vnicorne, they pomped into her their small Shotte, as Hayle in comparison. They lying so close aboard, the Vineyard made their Shotte so hotte vpon them, that foure of them came aboarde her, and left the Vnicorne but two.

In this conflict, wee poore men were not idle, but so applyed our Ordnance, which wee laded with Crosse-barres, Case-Shotte, and Round Bullets, as greatly annoyed them.

In the first encounter, wee had our Boatson slaine and one other man, and thre hurt: And the Vnicorne two men slaine, and two hurt.

The Gallies lying still by vs, maintayned the fight very hotly, and plyed their Shotte vpon vs, that our turne sides, and battered Stearne can yet witnesse it: besides our Hayles-shotte, that forty poundes cannot make good that harme onely.

Deadly and full of resolution on both parties two full howers by the Glasse, continued this fight; in which all our Companies, were faine to prooue Gunners, not onely the Paiker and his mates, but all the rest: Amongst which, I may not forget the paynes and industry of one of Paiker Harrices mates, M. Wotton, whose skill and readinesse was such, in applying the most part of our Ordnance in our quarter, which lay to doe the Enemie most spoyle, that hee did them great harme, and made them haue small hope of

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our conquest, which they expected.

Blessed be the all powerfull God, who after two howers of very dangerous fight, one hotte from the Vineyard did them such spoyles, as with a great and most dreadfull shriek they fell all from vs, and went their wayes. And in good time for them; for I thinke if they had stayed longer, they had some of them sunke by our sides; as should seme by their sodaine bringing foure of them vpon the Carrere to stop their leakes.

Thus by the mercie and power of our God, wee were freed from this great and dangerous perill where in wee had like to haue fallen, past hope of man, onely his Mercy that giueth victorie at his will, preferred vs: To whose blessed name, all praise and honour be rendyed, who not onely set vs free from our foes, but at that instant, sent vs a fayre leading gale of Winde: so wee cut our wayne sayle, and kept our course for Leaghorne, which was the first Port of our discharge; giuing GOD most humble thanks for our deliuerance.

While wee made stay at Leaghorne, the Duke of Florences Gallies, who are most tymes abroade in seruite, came into the Roade: in one of them was a Jew, who spoke with the Captaine of the Admirall Gally, and was with them when they set their mayned & hurt men a free.

This Captaine reported to the Jew beeing of his acquaintance, that there were in these five Gallies one thousand eight hundred men of all sorts: and in the fight with vs, had slaine a hundred and fiftie, and three hundred more hurt and mayned very dangerously.

GOD haue the praise for our happy deliuey, and make vs mindefull of his great mercy shewed vnto his
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poore seruants, that while wee haue any being in this world, wee may with all due prayers, acknowledge his mercy towards vs.

Thus haue you heard (to the glory of God, and the deserved commendations, of those valerous and vndoubted spirits) The most resolute and worthy Conquest of the like Gallies; who being not a handfull in regard of their multitudes, which were nere Tenn. for one, and so well appoynted with Pen and Punition, that they thought themselves sufficient, to encounter greater forces.

But we haue euer heard and knowe, that victorie consisteth not in strength of Hoyle or Man, though they be neuer so mightie: but in the all Powerfull hand of God, who in the midst of greatest dangers, comforteth them, that with saythfull heartes call vpon him.

And most cruelly, by those worthy men Master Harrice, and Master Gardner, and there companies it appeareth, who doubtlesse are gracious men in the presence of God; such is their gouernment, their zeale to God and his true Religion: such doth God in all distressed comfort, for so is his promise, that neuer faileth his seruants: It is his holy hand, that hath done this for them against all expectation of men. For which his blessed name be euer praised.

And I wish most heartily, that such Owners and Merchantes, which haue such saythfull people to death for them, would not shut their Purles from rewarde, but open their handes with Bounty vnto them, that others may be encouraged to doethem the like seruice: If such men would vse this charitie, no doubt but their

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Forty and good countenances to men adventuring
to them would make their service to be better per-
med, And this Kingdome be more better replenished
with able and sufficient men to fight in their defence,
Occasion should be.

Now have heard the true discourse of this dangerous
voyage, their happy deliverance, and diligent cares in
performing the same, who making four Voyes, viz.
Maliga, Leagehorne, Naples, and Zant, as by Chartie-
Partie they were bound, taking their Lading at Zant,
was by the mercy of God, with Winds so favored,
that in good safe, the Shippe and goods arrived the
twenty day of December, in the Road of Limehouse
in the River of Thames.

At the eternal glory of God, the loves of our
hearts, and comfort of all our friends, where we were
by those worthy, Partners our Owners of the Vin-
yard, Master Freeman, and Master Dunkcombe, with
their Partners, lovingly welcomed, as well as by our
adventurers and Merchants, which were these: Master
Freeman, Master Fishborne, and Master Barly-
mucke: So have the honour, and let all our prayers be,
that our English men, have more success in their
affaires, then we have had.

And of his mercy grant us all true, loving, and
faithfull hearts, that God may have his due honour,
and our King, and Country happyfull service: to whose
praise, and all Honourfull name be all true prayers.
Managed for ever, Amen.

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